

ELKO INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER

News Release

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Elko County Fires, Update #11**

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FIRES CONTINUE BURNING NEAR ELKO, NEVADA

Elko, Nevada ... Fire fighters are maintaining the upper hand on Elko County Fires

The Suzie Fire is burning in sagebrush and grass northwest of Elko. The fire has burned about 79,000 acres and is 60% contained. Firefighters are concentrating on the north flank near Swales Mountain. The southern and eastern areas of the burn will see mop-up and rehabilitation work today. Some interior burning is likely to continue to occur during the afternoon each day, and area residents may see flare-ups that are occurring inside the containment area. Structure protection will remain in place around Adobe Summit until the fire is secure. About 270 people are working on this fire.

The North Antelope Fire is burning in a remote area about 28 miles north of Dunphy, Nevada. A flare-up yesterday added about 100 acres to the fire. It has burned about 10,300 acres and is 60% contained. Approximately 120 people are working on this fire.

The Sneeky Fire, about 5 miles west of Jiggs, Nevada, has burned over 10,400 acres and is 80% contained. The fire escaped control lines yesterday afternoon and grew about 150 acres, all within the Wilderness Study Area. About 270 people are assigned to this fire.

“With our excessive fuel loading, we advise folks to stay on developed roads,” said Sam Hicks, Captain with the Nevada Division of Forestry. “If you have to leave a developed road, be sure to check the undercarriage of your vehicle for debris after stopping. It’s not worth losing a vehicle. Always carry a shovel and water with you.”

A fire state of emergency was declared in Elko County by the Elko County Commission and a 30-day ban on burn barrels was put into effect.

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